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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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OTHER DOCUMENTS <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages Etc.)</i>						
C1	"Section 3: Ground Penetrating Radar" 4-GPR, http://sfu.ca/earth-sciences/courses/307/4-gpr.htm , printed March 24, 2003, pp. 1-47					
C2	"Project Minitest Final Report" Work completed under Contract AA 501031 (DG INFSO) and JRC FPV Institutional, Issued September 10, 2001, 25 pages					
C3	Case Study, "Fluid Level Sensing by Time Domain Reflectometry", Arthur D. Little, Cambridge Consultants, 1 pg.					
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